GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Fisheries Department – Banning of feeding of poultry offal / other offal and slaughter house wastes to fish and to control the malpractices to save the fish culture and the environment – Orders – Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (FISH) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 56 Dated: 04-11-2016

Read the following:-

Ref: 1. Representations & discussions with AP State Fish Farmers Association dated 18.10.2016 and 25.10.2016.
2. G.O Ms No.54, A.H.D.D & F (Fish-II) Dept., Dt. 4-10-2005
3. Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P, Vijayawada Letter No.3994/C/2016, dated: 21.10.2016.

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ORDER:

The Commissioner of Fisheries, Vijayawada, in the references 1st read above has stated that the A.P. State Fish Farmers Association has reported that at present the major problem to the Aqua culture is feeding of poultry offal and other slaughter house wastes to the fish by few fish farmers in A.P. State which is spoiling the entire aquaculture, quality of fish affecting the environment seriously and also the human health. These poultry wastes and other slaughter house wastes are being transported by trucks from within the State, Telangana, Tamilnadu and Orissa States etc. This practice will affect the economy of the good farmers as well as State also. While polluting the water and soil and endangering the health of the people, this practice is also causing bad publicity about Fish produced in the State. Therefore, the Fish farmers Association has requested the Government to issue orders for banning of such practice of feeding of poultry offal / other slaughter house wastes to fish.

2. Government in the reference 2nd read above orders have been issued imposing ban on culture, marketing , transport, manufacturing stocks (live or dead) of the Cat Fish (*Clarias gariepinus*). Few farmers are clandestinely resorting to this African Cat Fish culture and using the poultry waste (visceral parts generated from chicken shops in the cities) and other carcasses as feed in the culture pond.

3. The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada in the references 3rd read above, has requested the Government for enforcing strict measures to arrest the illegal practice of culture, propagation, marketing and transport of these banned catfishes and usage of poultry waste (visceral parts generated from chicken shops in the cities) and other carcasses within the state and import from the other states of India.

4. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby issued orders to ban the usage of the slaughter wastage and animal carcasses like chicken visceral parts, skin, rotten eggs discarded, putrefied food waste etc., as feed to the fish; ban the transport of such wastes for use in fish culture and to destroy such wastes

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and constituted the following Committee to save the environment, the economy of the State, and the human health:

S.No	Composition	Status
1	Tahsildar – Revenue Dept.	Chairperson
2	Village Revenue Officer – Revenue Dept.	Member
3	Asst. Motor Vehicle Inspector/ Motor Vehicle Inspector from Transport Dept.	Member
4	Station House Officer of concerned Police Station	Member
5	Fisheries Development Officer/Asst. Inspector of Fisheries	Member Convener

5. **The following measures are to be implemented under relevant Acts:**

i) To take strict action against those who practice the activity to procure poultry waste (visceral parts generated from chicken shops in the cities) and other slaughter house waste / carcasses from within and the other states of India for use in fish ponds.

ii) To take action on the vehicle owners involved in transport of such wastes within the state and from other states in India.

iii) The driver of the vehicle shall be arrested for transporting such banned items. The Transport officials shall confiscate the vehicle, cancel the transport permit of vehicle and suspend the driving license of driver and take further necessary action as per law.

iv) To keep a vigil and take action against the vehicles carrying above mentioned materials on being reported by the representatives of aqua farmers, Fisheries department officials, public etc., and checking at check posts so as to control these illegal, unethical and unhealthy practices in aquaculture in the interest of Public Health, Biodiversity, and Brand Andhra.

v) Station House Officer of concerned Police Station shall book case against persons indulging in such banned activities under proper sections of IPC and other relevant provisions under the Act.

vi) Recoup the amount incurred for disposal / destroy of such wastes from the Lorry owner or the farmer who are the end user of the waste.

Role of the Committee members:

a. **Fisheries Development Officer/Asst. Inspector of Fisheries:** Is responsible to give first hand data on the aqua-farms that are using the slaughter wastes in his jurisdiction area as feed to the fish, details of vehicles supplying the slaughter wastes to the farms if noticed and report to the concerned Station House Officer of concerned Police Station and Tahsildar/Village Revenue Officer for taking action.

b. Asst. Motor Vehicle Inspector/ Motor Vehicle Inspector, Transport Dept.: Has to seize the Vehicle carrying the poultry and slaughter wastes at the check posts and report to the Station House Officer of concerned Police Station to take forward the issue to the concerned Tahsildar/ Village Revenue Officer/Fisheries Development Officer/Asst. Inspector of Fisheries as the case may be.

c. **Station House Officer of concerned Police Station**: Assist the (i) Asst. Motor Vehicle Inspector/ Motor Vehicle Inspector in seizing the Vehicle carrying the such wastes at the check posts, (ii) to the Fisheries Development Officer/ Asst. Inspector of Fisheries in reporting data of the aqua-farms/farmers/vehicles supplying slaughter wastes to the farms, book cases and report to the Tahsildar/Village Revenue Officer and (iii) doing panchanama along with the other members of the committee and (iv) assist the Tahsildar/Village Revenue Officer in implementation of punishments against the culprits.

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d. **Village Revenue Officer**: Receives and compiles the reports received from Fisheries Development Officer/ Asst. Inspector of Fisheries, Asst. Motor Vehicle Inspector/ Motor Vehicle Inspector, and Station House Officer of concerned Police Station and report to the Tahsildar. Upon instruction of Tahsildar, VRO is responsible in doing panchanama along with the other members of the committee and in implementation of punishments against the culprits.

e. **Tahsildar**: Is the controlling Officer and shoulder the entire burden until disposal/destroy of such wastes and imposing punishments.

6. The concerned fisheries officials are responsible for timely disposal of confiscated slaughter wastes in association with concerned Grama Panchayat, Municipality/Corporation as the case may be. The amount needed for disposal/destroy will be met from the Fisheries Department out of the Processing fees collected under freshwater registrations available with District Fisheries Officers not exceeding Rs. 10,000/- or any other interest funds accrued on the deposits in Bank.

7. The amount incurred for disposal / destroy of the slaughter wastes or animal carcasses like chicken visceral parts, skin, rotten eggs etc., will be recouped by collecting penalty from the Lorry owner or the farmer who are the end user of the waste.

8. The District Collector shall coordinate with Pollution Control authorities, District Fisheries Officers, Revenue Department, Transport and Police Departments closely monitor the implementation of ban regularly.

9. The Commissioner of Fisheries, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, Amaravathi and the District Collectors of the District where such banned material is seized shall take all necessary actions accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner of Transport, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Member Secretary, Pollution Control Board, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
All the Collectors and District Magistrates in Andhra Pradesh.
All the Superintendent of Police in Andhra Pradesh.
All the District Fisheries Officers in Andhra Pradesh.
All the Fisheries Development Officers/Asst. Inspector of Fisheries through Commissioner of Fisheries, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

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